



BERKSHIRE COUNTY LADIES VETERANS GOLF ASSOCIATION

52ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 9TH FEBRUARY 2017

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Opening of the Meeting

The BCLVGA AGM for 2017 was duly opened by Heather Wing Honorary Secretary at 11am

2. Apologies

Heather Wing announced that 57 people had signed the attendance book and 10 apologies were submitted.

3. Welcome by Lady Captain

Maureen Rogers welcomed all members to the 2017 AGM and thanked everyone for attending.

4. Minutes of 2016 AGM

The Minutes of the 2016 had been previously circulated via the website and a limited number made available to those present. The Captain asked whether all agreed that these were a true record of the last AGM. All agreed that the Minutes were a true record. The adoption of the Minutes were proposed by Doffi Parkinson Mapledurham GC and seconded by Glynn Carroway East Berkshire GC.

The Minutes were then approved by all present by a show of hands and duly signed by the Captain Maureen Rogers.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

6. Lady Captain's Report

Good morning ladies and a very warm welcome. I have had a very enjoyable year as Captain and I hope that you as members have enjoyed the events and matches that my committee have organised over the year. At this point I

would like to thank my committee for all their hard work in helping to make the events this year run smoothly. Without the committee this association would cease to exist, so when a vacancy occurs we need your support to fill the position to keep the association going.

I am sorry to report that we had an unsuccessful season as far as matches against other counties went. Our first match against Wiltshire took place at Wrag Barn where we lost 2 matches to 5.

This was followed by a match against Oxfordshire played at Calcot Park . Unfortunately Oxfordshire could only field 6 pairs and again we lost 5 of the 6 matches played.

Our match against Hampshire was held at Blacknest where we won 1 lost 4 and halved 2.

We played Reading Senior League Men at Calcot Park and in spite of our efforts to make the stroke allowances favour us, we still lost 6 matches to 2

Our final match was against Berkshire Lady Captains again at Calcot Park . On this occasion we only lost by one match 4-3.

Although we lost the matches we all enjoyed the days out and the weather was kind to us. Many thanks to all the ladies who played in the matches, especially those who filled in at the last moment. I hope that we manage to do a little better next year.

One final word regarding matches which I think will help the next Captain. This year I made several emails and phone calls to ladies on the reserve list for a match only to find that they were no longer available. If you are a reserve for a match and then later find that you are no longer available could you let the captain know as soon as possible to save all those emails.

Finally it gives me great pleasure to announce the Winner and Runner up of the Gittins Trophy. I refereed this final and it was a close fought match . The runner up is Nancy Ovstedal from Winter Hill. The winner is Jill Edwardes from Newbury & Crookham. Congratulations to you both.

[Nancy Ovstedal was not present to receive her prize and Jill Edwardes attended later in the AGM to receive the Gittins Trophy]

Finally thank you all for your support this last year.

7. Honorary Secretary's Report

Heather Wing Honorary Secretary presented her report

Good morning Ladies

This is my first report as Honorary Secretary for the Association after serving one year in post. It has been a busy and interesting year and especially getting to know so many of you as members. When I took over from Chrissie Eccleston in November 2015, she told me that the November to January period would be manic and she was right, actually this was a bit of an understatement on her part. I think my postman must have been wondering what on earth was going on, as in amongst all of our Christmas cards there was a perpetual stream of Vets Applications to renew and happily amongst these have been some new members, who are warmly welcomed into the Association.

So I want to report briefly on the current numbers of Members, the Clubs they come from and then the numbers of new members:

Currently we have 197 Members who have either renewed or joined as new members. Of these 4 are Associate and 9 are new members.

This is a significant decrease in our numbers since last year. I am not sure what the reasons for this are, but hopefully this is down to people just being late or forgetting to apply.

I hope that all of you present today will go back to your clubs and check out whether previous members have renewed and if not remind them to do so and where necessary providing some friendly persuasion if they are wavering! If further membership packs are required these can be made available.

We currently have 22 clubs who are in membership

Of these the breakdown by club is:

Bearwood Lakes	2
Billingbear	1
Bradfield College	6
Calcot Park	11
Castle Royle	8
East Berks	30

Easthampstead	5
Goring & Streatley	2
Hennerton	5
Maidenhead	29
Mapledurham	21
Newbury & Crookham	18
Reading	8
Royal Ascot	21
Sandmartins	7
Sherfield Oaks	1
Sonning	10
Sunningdale Ladies	1
Temple	1
West Berks.	1
Windsor Gt Prk	1
Winter Hill	8

As you will probably see from this some Clubs are more active in the Association than others and it would be useful to know why this may be? However as stated previously it would be great if all of you could encourage, persuade and coerce your club members to renew their membership or to join the Association for the first time. We all enjoy ourselves so much when we play in the competitions and meet up again with colleagues and friends from all the various clubs in Berkshire.

Before I conclude - a small plea that if you change any of your contact details such as telephone and address, emails or your Club can you please let me know asap so that we can be sure that we are sending information to the correct location.

In conclusion I have enjoyed my first year as your Honorary Secretary and it has been an honour and great fun working with Maureen and the committee and I have learned a great deal. I look forward to working with and supporting Barbara and the committee in 2017.

Thank you

8. Competition Secretary's Report

Good Morning Ladies,

May I start my communication this morning by saying that this past year has been a little like a hike up a hill at Hennerton or Goring and Streatley as, for me, there has been a great deal to learn. I am eternally grateful to both my colleagues on the committee and to Judy Jones, the previous Competition Secretary for their guidance. My colleagues must have raised their eyes to the ceiling several times and thought 'what does she want to know now', but I am comparatively new to the game of golf and this is my first venture onto a golf committee. I am sure that during my second year I will not need quite so much information.

The competition results for 2016 are as follows

The **Spring Meeting** took place at Hennerton Golf Club on Thursday May 12th in beautiful sunny weather, a 27 hole, Greensomes competition for the Olive Tomlinson Salvagers, with 44 players. The winners were Caroline MacLennan and Hilary Kaye from Castle Royle with a score of 53 points.

The early **Summer Meeting** was held on Monday July 4th 2016, 40 pairs played a Four Ball Better Competition at Downshire Golf Club. The Margaret Rose Salvagers were won by Sylvia Davis & Laura Hawkins, with 44 points from Newbury & Crookham.

The late **Summer Meeting** was played at Mapledurham on Thursday 11th August, again on a glorious day, 65 Ladies played in the singles Stableford competition. The Summer Bowl was won by Anita Lockyer from Newbury and Crookham with 42pts.

The **Autumn Meeting**, held at the Captain's home Club, Calcot Park on Wednesday 28th September was a singles Stableford contest for both Silver and Bronze Divisions, 64 Ladies took part with the winner's being, The Silver Scratch Trophy - Jean Corbett 21 points from Winter Hill. The Bronze Scratch Trophy - Sylvia Davis 12 points from Newbury & Crookham.

So not a bad turnout over the Summer months with 253 players in total and I can't remember getting wet this year and looking at the results, Newbury and Crookham have had a very good year, something to live up to for next year Barbara.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask very briefly for a show of hands, from those present, 'who would be happy to allow us to use their contact information electronically within the organisation'? [At this point most present

indicated by a show of hands that they would be willing for their contact details to be shared within the organisation. Those who did not raise their hands were asked if they had any concerns and none were shared.] Now, we still use the post quite a lot, but with the member's permission we could use computer generated information and email more for competition communication in addition to the website, especially for Gittins.

Before ending my presentation, I have a request, please take a couple of extra minutes to complete all the information that we ask for on the forms, I assure you we do not ask for anything that we do not need to provide a comprehensive result for several competitions at each meeting. My aim is to provide you with an enjoyable, relaxed, competitive game of golf, but I do need all that information and a legible, correctly completed score card please.

We were very well looked after at all the venues chosen in 2016 and I think the weather was extremely kind to us at all four of the meetings, we can only hope to repeat that for 2017.

Thank you for your attention.

9. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Honorary Treasurer Linda Gower's Report had been previously circulated to Members. The Report was presented and Linda advised that she was now stepping down and she was delighted to announce that Doffi Parkinson was taking over and in fact Doffi had been dealing with the Association's financial matters working with Linda over the past few months. Linda advised that all the Accounts had been audited by Jeff Gardner MBE Auditor and were deemed to be in good order.

Linda then asked if there were any questions, there were none.

Maureen Rogers then asked if there were any questions relating to the Accounts; there being none members were asked for a proposer and seconder to adopt these. Anthea Winn Royal Ascot GC proposed adoption and these were seconded by Alison Goudge from East Berkshire GC.

All those present were then asked to adopt the accounts which was carried.

Maureen Rogers then asked for a proposer and seconder to approve the appointment of the Auditor Jeff Gardner. The appointment was approved by Jo Russ from Newbury & Crookham GC and seconded by Irene Manson Mapledurham GC.

Members were then asked to approve the appointment of the Auditor, all those present agreed.

10. Proposals Received

Maureen Rogers then asked if any proposals had been received. Heather Wing Honorary Secretary advised that none had been received.

11. Election of Committee

Maureen Rogers then advised that the AGM would now focus on Elections to the 2017 Committee.

Captain – Maureen Rogers proposed that Barbara Hamblin from Newbury and Crookham should be the new Captain of BCLVGA. This was seconded by Jo Russ Newbury & Crookham GC.

Vice Captain – Barbara Hamblin proposed that Betty Johnston from Goring & Streatley GC should become the new Vice Captain of BCLVGA and Pat Price from Sandmartins GC seconded this.

Honorary Treasurer – Linda Gower proposed that Doffi Parkinson from Mapledurham GC should become the new Honorary Treasurer and this was seconded by Morag Campbell Sonning GC.

Maureen Rogers then asked for show of hands to approve the newly proposed officers. Members gave their approval by a show of hands.

Maureen Rogers then advised that as immediate Past Captain, she would be remaining on the Committee for a further year, that Heather Wing Honorary Secretary and Val Doyle Competition Secretary would be remaining in office for a further year and that Irene Manson will be retiring from the Committee.

A small gift was presented to Linda Gower on her stepping down from post of Honorary Treasurer. Irene Manson was thanked for all her hard work over the past few years on the Committee.

12. Handover to new Lady Captain

At this point Maureen Rogers handed over the BCLVGA Captain's Badge to Barbara Hamblin incoming lady Captain and invited her to make her Report to the AGM

Lady Captain, Ladies. - A warm welcome to Newbury & Crookham

I would like to start by congratulating Maureen on a great year, as her Vice I certainly enjoyed working alongside her.

Her organisational skills have been great and like the proverbial Swan she is always calm above the water even if she is working like mad beneath. So thanks Maureen for a good year I would therefore like to present her with this gift as a token for all her hard work [at this point small gift was presented to Maureen Rogers].

I am delighted to have been chosen as the Vets Captain for 2017 and will endeavour to follow in Maureen's footsteps in serving the association and its' members.

For those of you that do not know me I would like to give you a little background, not too much obviously. The majority of my career, 27 years, was spent as a financial advisor. A lot of years spending other peoples' money, I am now retired and unfortunately have to spend my own.

I started playing golf 15 years ago after I met Paul, he was an 8 handicapper at the time. After sitting at home every weekend for the first year, I decided if you cannot beat them you have to join him. So I started with lessons 6 months later with a 45 handicap, do you remember those days!!! We both joined Newbury & Crookham and I became Captain in 2009 and thoroughly enjoyed my year. I then had 6 years as House Manager on the Management Committee, I am always up for a party!!!!.

Golf has become a very important part of my life, I love playing, although I would not consider myself a good golfer, but the beauty of this game is that you do not have to be, whatever your handicap you can enjoy the exercise, the fresh air more importantly the friends and social events. Like everyone I have made so many good friends. Paul and I have played in many countries across the world and the comradeship is always the same on any course.

After having got so much out of this game I am ready to put something back and am looking forward to the VETS having a great year with lots of good golf hopefully resulting in match wins, but more importantly let's enjoy. I will do my best with the help of my committee to make this a successful year for us all

I am looking forward to meeting you all and to welcoming you all to Newbury & Crookham for the various matches and meetings during the year.

I would like to thank, in advance the staff and caterers at Newbury & Crookham for their support which I know I will get.

Barbara then advised those present that she had left envelopes on tables for those members who had applied to play in BCLVGA Matches.

Following on from the comments made at the last AGM, regarding the funds we have in the coffers. The committee has discussed the use of these monies in some depth and feel that we would like to ensure the funds are used for the benefit of the Members and therefore have decided the following:

- 1) To continue to increase prize money as we have been doing during this year, some Ladies in the past felt that the prizes were poor and with these funds we have now been able to boost the prizes without increasing the entry fee
- 2) As you are aware more clubs are charging a green fee these days so we have agreed to contribute £10 per person towards match fees
- 3) We will also review the Trophies during the year as some need replacing/repairing

I hope this meets with your approval and if any of you have any other ideas please let me know and we can discuss them at Committee.

Any Other Business

Barbara then asked if there was Any Other Business and there being none, declared the Meeting closed

13. The Meeting was closed At 11.35am

Heather Wing OBE
 Honorary Secretary
 BCLVGA
 13th February 2017

Signed

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